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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and make of record the references identified below.

Forms PTO-1449 listing the references accompanies this paper. Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialing and returning the forms to indicate that the references have been reviewed and made of record. The references are as follows:

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The first two references identified above and as listed on attached Forms PTO-1449 as Reference Nos. AA and AB are U.S. patent applications, and, as such, no copies are included pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(iii).

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that any of the above references constitutes prior art to the present application within the meaning of 35 USC § 102.

As applicants have not yet received a first Action on the merits, no fee is required for filing this Information Disclosure Statement. If, however, the PTO finds that for some reason a fee is found to be necessary, our Deposit Account No. 18-0580 may be charged therefor. **A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.**

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